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CALLS DIMITROVGRAD RR STATION SHIPPING BOTTLENECK

SCORES FERTILIZER PLANT FOR TRANSPORT DELAY -- Sofia, Izgrev, 16 Dec 50

Although the sailors and stevedores in Odessa and Burgas work on 24-hour schedules to speed the loading and unloading of equipment for the Stalin Fertilizer Plant, the shipments are delayed in the Dimitrovgrad Railroad Station. All kinds of material, machines, and equipment are unloaded at the same time and at one place. The station area is very poorly illuminated, the switches are frequently out of service, and the tracks are not reinforced.

The responsibility for these shortcomings lies with the transportation department of the plant. The average layover time of cars is 38 hours instead of the 21 provided for by the plan, and 3 hours are usually needed to supply water for the locomotive. The water installation should be substantially improved, and the receiving department should set up proper inventories for the incoming goods. The housing problem of the workers should also be alleviated. Several conferences, called to remedy these conditions, have already been held.

PEACE TRAIN SETS NEW RECORD -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 18 Dec 50

To celebrate Stalin's 71st birthday, on 17 December, a brigade of young engineers made up and ran a special train from Sofia to Pleven. This "peace train" consisted of 45 cars pulled by locomotive No 10-13 and carried 1,250 tons of freight. The train reached a speed twice as high as the average commercial speed and covered the 192 kilometers between the two cities in 6 hours instead of 12. At Pleven, the crew picked up another train, run by a brigade of young transportation workers from Gorna Oryakhovitsa, and immediately returned to Sofia.

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